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The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. UN Secretary General U Thant has indicated the initial steps which will be taken to implement the Indian-Pakistani cease-fire and troop withdrawal agreement accepted last night at the special Security Council meeting. A team of approximately 100 military observers, with the necessary logistical and staff support, is to be deployed to a number of strategic locations in the fighting areas in the Punjab. These observers are to be in place at the earliest possible date after the cease-fire becomes effective. Some governments have been and others will be approached with regard to the possibility of providing military observers. Regarding Kashmir, the Secretary General hopes to strengthen the already-existing UN Military Observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) which has maintained observation on the 1949 Kashmir cease-fire line for sixteen years. The UNMOGIP has undertaken to supervise the entire new cease-fire line pending the arrival of the new team.

2. Neither India nor Pakistan has accepted all terms of the Security Council Resolution of 20 September, despite having agreed to a cease-fire. President Ayub has stated that his forces will stay where they are until asked to move out although the resolution calls for a withdrawal of troops to pre-August 5 positions. Prime Minister Shastri declared today that India has not entered into an agreement on any of the basic issues of the India-Pakistan dispute although the Security Council statement asks for consideration of "the political problem underlying the present conflict."

3. Although [redacted] the 25X1 Soviet proposal for an Indian-Pakistani summit conference on Russian soil is now being played down in the Soviet capital, it has reportedly been accepted in principle by both India and

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Pakistan. The Iranian Foreign Minister stated today, however, in a conversation with the American Ambassador in Tehran that the Pakistani reply to the Soviet offer indicated that Pakistan would be interested in the Shastri-Ayub talks if such talks were committed to arrangements for giving self-determination to the Kashmiris. Reuters reports that a Commonwealth mission to the two countries has also been suggested to help end the Indo-Pakistani dispute over Kashmir.

4. Some sporadic fighting is apparently still going on at the Indian-West Pakistan frontier. Radio Pakistan indicates however, that battlefield activity is at the lowest point since the start of the undeclared war and All-India Radio states that "there has been no fresh news about ground operations since last evening."

5. No new developments have been reported in the Sino-Indian confrontation although Shastri told an enthusiastic Indian parliament today that the Indian armed forces would repel the Communist Chinese aggressor. He reiterated his hope that China, even at this late hour, would respond to India's call for peace.

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